# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:444
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM STUDIES IN ASSAM
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Dibrugarh University has submitted a proposal to set up a full fledge institute of Petroleum Studies in Assam.

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and cost thereof, indicating the salient features of the indicating the oil and gas reserves explored so far in Assam Oil Fields;

(c) the stage at which the proposal stands at present; and

(d) the reasons for the day?

## Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 444 to be answered on 02.12.2004 regarding Institute of Petroleum studies in Assam.

(a) to (d) : As per information available from the Ministry of Human Resource Development as also from the Oil Public Sector Undertakings, no such proposal has been received from Dibrugarh University. However, ONGC have informed the Ministry that on 24th May, 2002, ONGC and Dibrugarh University signed a bipartite Agreement on the establishment in the Department of Petroleum Technology at Dibrugarh University of a Centre of Relevance & Excellence (CORE) Clastic Petroleum Reservoir Engineering under Mission REACH (Relevance and Excellence in Achieving New Heights in Educational Institutions) of the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council, (TIFAC), Deptt. of Science & Technology, New Delhi. ONGC`s financial commitment is Rs. 1.07 crore, out of which Rs. 56 lakhs has already been paid to the University.

This Centre aspires to be of international standards to impart high quality education in Clastic Petroleum Reservoir Studies. This would facilitate meeting the specialized demand for human resource of Indian industries and organizations in the emerging advanced areas of Science & Technology.

The CORE is running M. Tech courses and building laboratory infrastructure. It is interacting with industry to create strong linkages in the area of research and training.

Two Ph.D. projects are also in progress. These are `Estimation of Reservoir Properties from Multivariate Analysis of Well and Seismic Data` and `Study on Emulsion flow through porous media in relation to Enhanced Oil Recovery of Oil`.

The oil and oil equivalent of recoverable gas reserves explored so far in Assam oil fields are of the order of 307 Million Metric Tonnes.